

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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CHARGES AGAINST CUSTOMS OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether CBI has sought permission to file charge-sheet against some customs officials involved in the Olga Kozireva smuggling case ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of customs` officials against whom the CBI has sought permission to file charge-sheet ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) & (c) : The CBI has sought permission to file charge-sheet against 44 customs officials involved in the Olga Kozireva smuggling case. As per statutory procedure, the matter was referred to Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) for advice, who advised for prosecution only against 27 officers. Acting on the advice of CVC, the Department has given sanction for prosecution of all the 27 officials under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in the CBI Court. The details of the customs` officials against whom the CBI has sought permission to file charge-sheet and against whom permission to file charge-sheet has been given is in Annexure-I